

Legislative Updates of interest for Higher Education: Week of Apr. 4-8, 2016

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In the House

- On March 23, the House adjourned to meet next on April 12. The House continued its furlough and did not meet in Session or hold meetings during the week.

In the Senate

- 2016-17 Budget Update: Several budget subcommittees of Senate Finance continued to meet during the week to consider proviso recommendations. For a prior report on recommendations to be advanced by the Higher Education Subcommittee, [Click Here](#). The full Senate Finance Committee will meet in the upcoming week to begin its deliberations on the 2016-17 budget ([Appropriations Bill, H.5001](#), and [Capital Reserve Fund Bill, H.5002](#)). For the 2016 schedule for consideration of the budget bills, [Click Here](#).
- Senate Finance met on Tuesday. Among legislation considered was [S.1166](#), a joint resolution regarding SC State University to provide for annual installment payments on outstanding loans and liabilities made to the university by the State and to extend provisions providing flexibility related to furloughs. The Committee gave S.1166 a favorable report. The bill was reported out to the full Senate on Wednesday and given second reading by the Senate on Thursday.
- The Senate Education K-12 Subcommittee met during the week and reported out favorably the following bills to the full Senate Education for consideration: [H.4936](#) (relating to SC education goals for high school graduates), [H.4937](#) (relating to the re-establishment of the SC Education and Economic Development Coordinating Council), [H.4938](#) (relating to a survey of higher education students in teacher education), [H.4939](#) (relating to a review of education statutes), [H.4940](#) (relating to the SDE Office of Transformation), [H.4941](#) (relating to SDE and fiscal practices of K-12 schools) and [H.3898](#) (relating to standards and the teaching of founding principles in K-12).
- The Senate considered appointments on Wednesday and confirmed five CHE appointments which had been favorably reviewed by Senate Education. Confirmed were new CHE appointments: Mr. Tim Hofferth, Statewide At-large as Chair, and Mr. Devron Edwards, Statewide At-large. Also confirmed were the following re-appointments to CHE: Commissioners Paul Batson (Technical College Sector Representative), Allison Dean Love (4-Year College & University Sector Representative), and Louis Lynn (Research University Sector Representative). [Senate Journal, April 6](#)

Other

- On Tuesday, Senator Harvey Peeler stepped down from his position as Majority Leader. On Wednesday, [Senator Shane Massey](#) was elected by the caucus to serve as Majority Leader.

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